

## **ARCHITECTURE/ENGINEERING FORUM**

**Sponsored by: Miami-Dade County - Capital Improvements  
Construction Coordination (CICC)**

On February 19, 2004, at 2:00 P.M. in the Historical Museum Auditorium, an open forum was held for the architectural and engineering (A&E) industry. This session was sponsored by the CICC in an effort to continue an open dialogue with professional A&E consultants who provide or would like to provide services to Miami-Dade County. Attendees had an opportunity to view the newly approved Capital Improvements Information System (CIIS) and discuss and propose modifications to the existing A&E selection process.

Mr. Roger T. Hernstadt, Capital Improvements Coordinator moderated the session and informed the participants that, CICC responded to the A&E request for public access to the Equitable Distribution Program (EDP) assignment tables. A new internet website is now available to access this information by linking to [www.miamidade.gov/cicc](http://www.miamidade.gov/cicc).

Participants were informed that CICC will be reducing and or eliminating the teaming restrictions in the forthcoming solicitations. CICC will analyze the volume of submittals relative to the frequency of same sub-consultant participation.

The following suggestions were offered by the audience participants:

- Extend the Pre-Qualification expiration date to a three (3) year period.
- Objectively assign evaluation point values for the dollars awarded and paid category. Utilization of a set dollar value table with corresponding point value is preferred.
- Converting the point value scores for A&E selections to the “Ordinal” system for final ranking.

- County departments representatives suggested the following:
- Decision by Competitive Selection Committee to delete the Second-Tier selection process would require the department representatives consent, rather than the present majority committee vote.
- Elimination of duplicate reviews by the Office of Budget and Management for contract awards.
- Increase the limitations on project groupings and utilize the professional service fee as the determining factor instead of the construction cost.

A follow up meeting will be scheduled in April 2004. Topics for discussion will include the following:

- Standard contract terms
- Standard professional services multipliers
- Miscellaneous services contracts
- Updates on previously proposed amendments to the selection process.

The meeting adjourned at 4:00PM.

